

*Congrats on getting this far!  
Good luck!*

**I. (10 points) Read the text below and decide which variant (A, B, C or D) best fits each space.**

The island of Santa Lucia, which lies between St Vincent and Martinique, is said to be one of the most attractive in the Caribbean. Measuring 44 kilometres long and 22 kilometres in width, it has a central mountain (1) \_\_\_\_\_ which runs the length of the island. There are white sandy beaches with wonderful (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of the two tall volcanoes called the Pitons, (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of which are covered - like most of the island - in dense forest. The climate is hot and tropical (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the year, with average daily temperatures of about 27° C. Showers can occur in any month, although they are usually (5) \_\_\_\_\_ fairly quickly. Not surprisingly, Santa Lucia is extremely (6) \_\_\_\_\_ with tourists. There is a wide range of (7) \_\_\_\_\_, from camping to luxury hotels, and it is very well (8) \_\_\_\_\_ by sea and air with the rest of the world. (9) \_\_\_\_\_ this, the island remains largely unspoiled and there are many quiet places to visit. Not far from the coastal areas, there are beautiful waterfalls in spectacular green valleys, often with (10) \_\_\_\_\_ anybody else about. The roads are narrow and winding, so it is not advisable to travel any distance by car. Why not get to know the countryside on horseback?

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| 1  | A – queue     | B – range     | C – row        | D – series        |
| 2  | A – views     | B – scenes    | C – looks      | D – sights        |
| 3  | A – either    | B – all       | C – both       | D – each          |
| 4  | A – around    | B – while     | C – throughout | D – over          |
| 5  | A – past      | B – over      | C – through    | D – beyond        |
| 6  | A – liked     | B – favourite | C – enjoyed    | D – popular       |
| 7  | A – housing   | B – shelter   | C – sleeping   | D – accommodation |
| 8  | A – connected | B – joined    | C – related    | D – united        |
| 9  | A – Since     | B – Although  | C – Despite    | D – In spite      |
| 10 | A – nearly    | B – hardly    | C – almost     | D – just          |

**II. (10 points) Fill the gaps in the text below with ONE suitable word:**

Sometimes you just know things (1) \_\_\_\_\_ people the first time you see them - for example, that you want to be friends (2) \_\_\_\_\_ them or that you don't trust them. But perhaps this kind of intuition isn't as hard to explain (3) \_\_\_\_\_ it may seem. For instance, everybody gives out body language signals (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the time. The (5) \_\_\_\_\_ you hold your body, head and arms tells people about your mood. If you hold your arms tightly at your sides (6) \_\_\_\_\_ fold them across your chest, people will generally feel that you (7) \_\_\_\_\_ being defensive. Holding your head on one side shows interest in the (8) \_\_\_\_\_ person, while (9) \_\_\_\_\_ relaxed, "open" posture indicates that you are self-confident. All this affects (10) \_\_\_\_\_ we feel about someone.

**III. (10 points) Read the text below and use the words given in capitals to form words that fit in the gaps. The words in capitals are given in the order in which you need to use them:**

**1-CHAIR 2-SECRET 3-INCREASE 4-GO 5-ECONOMY 6-HELP 7-GOOD 8-SITE 9-ENTREPRISE 10-VIEW**

The (1) \_\_\_\_\_ of Google, Eric Schmidt, has asked North Korea to open up its Internet to join the rest of the world. North Korea is one of the most closed and (2) \_\_\_\_\_ countries in the world. Only a few of its citizens have Internet access, but that is strictly controlled by the government. Almost no one can access the World Wide Web. Mr Schmidt said it was very important for the country to end its isolation so that North Koreans can become richer. He said: "As the world is becoming (3) \_\_\_\_\_ connected, their decision to be almost totally isolated is very much (4) \_\_\_\_\_ to affect their physical world, their (5) \_\_\_\_\_ growth, and so forth.... It will make it hard for them to catch up economically."



The U.S. government was not happy about Mr Schmidt's trip. Officials criticised it and said it was (6) "\_\_\_\_\_". The White House is doing its (7) \_\_\_\_\_ to get the North Koreans to end its nuclear weapon programme. One expert believes Mr Schmidt's visit gave North Korea the feeling it was an important world country. Greg Scarlatoiu of the Washington-based Committee for Human Rights in North Korea told the Voice of America (8) \_\_\_\_\_: "Visits from senior officials and extraordinarily successful (9) \_\_\_\_\_ are going to help to raise the profile of the North Korea regime. Probably, from the North Korean (10) \_\_\_\_\_, they may think this is also an opportunity to make some money for the regime."

**IV. (20 points) Rephrase the following sentences so that they contain the words in capitals, and so that the meaning stays the same:**

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| 1. A very friendly taxi driver drove us into town.<br>We ..... a very friendly taxi driver.   | <b>DRIVEN</b>     |
| 2. He managed to pass the exam with distinction.<br>He ..... the exam with distinction.   | <b>SUCCEEDED</b>  |
| 3. Bill had always wanted to become a doctor.<br>It ..... to become a doctor.   | <b>AMBITION</b>   |
| 4. James says that he will only play football if he can be team captain.<br>James says that he ..... he can be team captain.            | <b>UNLESS</b>     |
| 5. My grandmother doesn't go out often these days.<br>My grandmother ..... these days.  | <b>EVER</b>       |
| 6. I wish I hadn't left the window open.<br>I ..... the window open.  | <b>SHOULD</b>     |
| 7. Could you turn the volume up?<br>Would ..... the volume up?  | <b>MIND</b>       |
| 8. It was difficult for her to understand what he was talking about.<br>She ..... what he was talking about.                            | <b>DIFFICULTY</b> |
| 9. Jill is so good at swimming that she is going to train for the Olympics.<br>Jill ..... that she is going to train for the Olympics.  | <b>SUCH</b>       |
| 10. Students may use the library, but they must not disturb other users.<br>Students may use the library ..... not disturb other users. | <b>LONG</b>       |

**V. (50 points) - INFORMAL LETTER**

You are writing a letter to invite your friend Sam/Sarah to your Saint Valentine's Day party next week. Tell him/her about:

- who else is coming;
- what surprises you have in mind for your guests.

Ask his/her advice on whether to invite the new girl/boy in your class.

Write your **letter** to Sam/ Sarah in **120-150 words**.

Think about:

- the layout and the organisation of the letter;
- the appropriate style for the letter;
- introductory and closing remarks.

**SCRIEȚI RĂSPUNSURILE PE FOAIA DE RĂSPUNS (ANSWER SHEET). BARĂȚI TOATE SPAȚIILE NECOMPLETATE.**  
**TIMP DE LUCRU: 3 ORE. NU SE ACORDĂ PUNCTE DIN OFICIU.**